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## **RESPONSE TO NON-FINAL OFFICE ACTION**

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Commissioner:

In response to the Office Action with a Mail Date of 09/15/2010 (hereinafter "the

Office Action"), please consider the following amendments and remarks: